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On Behalf Of:
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I highly oppose this bill. Right now most 18 year olds are not of the mindset or maturity to vote but that is the legal age. Which also is the legal age to smoke, gamble, get a tattoo, and enlist in the armed forces, for instances. That is the legal age to be an adult, not 16 years old. A sophomore in high school no less. Who just passed their drivers license last week.

Their frontal lobe is not developed and most 16 year olds lack maturity and concise and rational thought to be able to make life altering decisions that voting allows and that can/will effect all Oregonians.

I am a mother of two grown/married daughters (ages 30 & 23), and a step mom to a just turned 18 year old daughter, who is not ready to adult yet; a 15 year old daughter who is very mature for her age, but has specifically told me that she opposes this bill explicitly (she cannot imagine her fellow students making big decisions that voting entails); a almost 13 year old son and a 10 year old son. I literally cannot see my kids wanting to take on the responsibility that voting creates or the consequences that come with voting. This is just another way to continue to push agendas on children and it's disheartening that some people feel they have to extend the vote to children to get things passed the way they want.

Sincerely,
Tammy K.
Mom of Many Children